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Sir:

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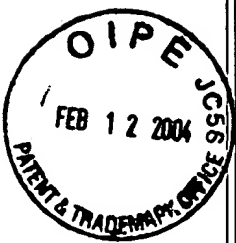
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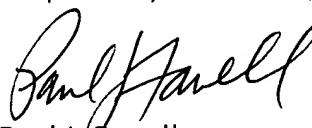
The listed items were cited by the European Patent Office in a counterpart application, namely Appln. No. 01926210.4. A copy of the European Search Report dated January 22, 2004 is attached hereto.

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The claims of the application as now presented are believed to patentably distinguish over the prior art and to be in condition for allowance. Early and favorable consideration of the case is respectfully requested.

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Applicants submit that each item of information contained in the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application no more than three months prior to the filing of the Statement.

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